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25X1 2. [redacted] Met with Bill Woodruff, on the staff of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee, and provided him with a copy of the Intelligence Memorandum on the Soviet Defense Budget since he has a continuing interest in this. We discussed the upcoming briefing on Friday and the topics to be covered.

25X1 3. [redacted] Ed Braswell, on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, called and said that at a luncheon meeting with Senator Stennis yesterday Secretary Laird commented that they had a good briefing on the "threat". Secretary Laird said it was a combined DIA/CIA briefing and he would make Mr. Helms available for this briefing if Senator Stennis desired. Braswell said that he and Senator Stennis discussed this and decided not to have a combined briefing on this. As a consequence DIA will brief the full Armed Services Committee for 33 minutes this Thursday morning prior to a Committee business session. In connection with the Laird briefing offer, Braswell expressed concern as to whether the Secretary was making a similar offer to other Committees.

25X1 4. [redacted] [redacted] and I explained to Ed Braswell 25X1A that the Director fully agreed with Chairman Stennis that he should testify on the strategic threat separately, rather than jointly with DIA witnesses.

Braswell said he had no specific guidance from any members of the Committee as to what they wished covered in the Director's 30 January testimony, but presumably they would wish him to update the items covered during his last appearance.

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5. [] Left with Charles Kirbow, on the staff of the Senate Armed Services Committee, an Agency professional pamphlet in response to his earlier request.

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6. [] Delivered to Miss Glee Gomien, Executive Secretary to Senate Minority Leader, Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen (R., Ill.), two FBIS items dated 13 January containing Soviet comments on a speech made by Senator Dirksen which allegedly advocated resumption of the bombing of North Vietnam.

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During the course of our conversation, I talked with Woodruff at some length regarding the problem the Agency faces with respect to legislation, specifically, the CIA Retirement Act. Woodruff expressed the view that with Senator Stennis, Chairman of our Armed Services Subcommittee, he would expect we would have less difficulty obtaining such legislation in the future. He was also inclined to feel we could expect support from Senators Jackson and Smith in matters of this sort.

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8. [] In a chance meeting with William Spell, on the staff of Senator John C. Stennis (D., Miss.), he asked if there was some way in which the Agency could keep him informed on matters on the international scene. He said Senator Stennis frequently consulted him on matters on current developments and it would be most useful if he had some way of being prepared for this. I said there was something that could be arranged and we will discuss this in the next day or so.

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